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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: COFCG FTIP AMENDMENT No. 1

We have completed our review of the Council of Fresno County Governments' (COFCG) Amendment No. 1 to its 1996/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that was submitted with your letter dated October 17, 1996. This amendment was adopted by COFCG through resolution No. 96-45 dated September 26, 1996. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this COFCG TIP amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). The project included in this amendment is exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR 93.134].

This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Region nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments (dated March 8, 1996).

This letter also constitutes approval, and inclusion of COFCG's TIP Amendment No. 1 into California's 1996/1997 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for this amendment is 100 percent Federal funds and does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

For
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator